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SUBJECT: EDF MISSION EARMARKS US\$80 MILLION FOR AID TO SOMALIA

1. BRITISH CHARGE BRIEFED US AUGUST 2 ON RESULTS VISIT THIS WEEK BY EDF DELEGATION. VISIT DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS FOR EDF ASSISTANCE DURING FOURTH FUNDING PERIOD (1975-79).

2. AMONG PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED SOLELY BY EDF, LARGEST IS DEVELOPMENT LOWER JUBA REGION FOR WHICH US\$18 MILLION ALLOTTED. SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF PROJECT STILL TO BE IDENTIFIED AND WILL DEPEND SOME EXTENT ON PLANS AND PROGRESS SOVIET DAM-BUILDING EFFORT AT FANOLE. STUDIES RELATING TO MOGADISCIO PHARMACEUTICAL PLANT COSTING US\$5 MILLION HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND CONSTRUCTION EXPECTED TO BEGIN SOON. EDF WILL ALSO KICK IN US\$4 MILLION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND

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TRAINING SOMALI STUDENTS.

3. EDF HOPES TO COMBINE WITH OTHER DONORS (READ ARABS) ON PROJECTS TOTALING OVER US\$65 MILLION. EDF SHARE WOULD BE 55 PERCENT, OR ABOUT US\$36 MILLION. TWO PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THIS CONTEXT ARE GOLWEIN-GELIB ROAD (AROUND US\$40 MILLION) AND GRAPEFRUIT PLANTATIONS IN SHABELLE BASIN (ABOUT US\$25 MILLION).

4. DELEGATION ALSO COMMITTED US\$13 MILLION FOR DROUGHT REHABILITATION PROGRAM, OF WHICH 30 PERCENT MAY BE SPENT ON EQUIPMENT WITH THE REMAINDER GOING FOR PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE. CONTRIBUTION OF US\$6 MILLION ALSO MADE UNDER ARTICLE 59 OF LOME CONVENTION WHICH PROVIDES SPECIAL FUND FOR NATURAL DISASTERS. DELEGATION PROMISED TO CONSIDER FURTHER EMERGENCY FOOD AID.

5. EDF GROUP REJECTED SOMALI REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF MOGADISCIO PORT PROJECT. (GSDR REPORTEDLY WANTED TO INCREASE TOTAL OF BERTHS FROM FOUR, AS PRESENTLY PLANNED, TO SIX.) REJECTION EVIDENTLY RESULTED FROM EDF DISSATISFACTION OVER DELAYS IN PROJECT COMPLETION MANY OF WHICH TRACEABLE TO SQUABBLES BETWEEN ITALIAN CONTRACTORS AND MINISTRY OF LABOR.

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